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200180029B - SIBUR Ethylene Upgrades and Modernization	TDA approved a US\$720,000 grant to partially fund a feasibility study SIBUR in Moscow, Russia for the SIBUR Ethylene Modernization Project. The three plants in Kstovo, Tomsk and Perm used to produce a variety of different petrochemical products to make plastics, the plants are old and no investment has been made to modernize them in accordance with international standards. The purpose of the study is to address the potential of modernization of these three ethylene plants in Russia. Funded and implemented by Trade Development Agency.	Business Services & Training	720,000
200280015B - Vnukovo Airport Expansion	TDA promotes economic development and trade in developing and middle-income countries by funding feasibility studies, consultancies, training programs and other project planning services. Funded and implemented by Trade Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	325,000
Accounting Curriculum & Professional Training	The activity is targeted towards development of the International Accounting Standards (IAS) in university curriculum and continuing education programs for the members of professional associations of auditors. The goal of the program is to train a new cadre of IAS professionals, which will be in a great demand in the coming years due to the Russia's transformation to IAS, as stated in the RF Ministry of Finance's 10-year plan. The use of IAS countrywide is one of the main conditions for the country's accession to WTO. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	300,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	300,000
		Activity Total	600,000
Alliance of Russian & American Women	The First US-Russia Women Business Leaders' Summit was held in April 16-19, 2002, in Moscow, Russia. The objective of this activity was to create opportunities for Russian and American business and professional women to work together in achieving greater success in their businesses. This first joint meeting demonstrated great interest and willingness in further cooperation, trade and mentoring activities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	30,000
American Business Center (ABC) Sakhalin	The major functions of the American Business Center are (1) providing outreach to Russian firms, including partnering, trade leads, and referrals; and (2) providing support to companies either currently doing business or interested in entering Sakhalin, thus promoting the development of trade and cooperation in all economic sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	300,000

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Capacity Building in the Former Soviet Union: Biological Research	With funding from the Department of State Freedom Support Act, ARS is cooperating with former Soviet biological weapons scientists to redirect their efforts to peaceful, agricultural research. This ARS program advances basic and applied research in agriculture and supports the transition of the Newly Independent States to a market economy by strengthening scientific communities and integrating NIS scientists into the international community. The development of new agricultural technologies that can be commercialized provides an economic incentive for FSU scientists and will contribute to the long-term sustainability of FSU institutes. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USDA/ARS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	3,228,500
Commercial Law Development Program	In Russia, CLDP's program focused on support of the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and Trade's (Ministry) efforts to expand its WTO campaign to the regions of Russia in order to inform a broad target audience outside of Moscow of the potential benefits of the WTO, and to increase consensus for Russia's accession. CLDP worked extensively with the WTO Information Office -- created in response to a need for increased availability of information on the WTO and the desire to increase the transparency of Russia's accession process. Through CLDP's program, a WTO web site and newsletter have become principal sources of information on Russia's WTO accession. Funded by USAID and implemented by Commercial Law Development Program.	WTO Awareness	180,000
		WTO Accession	90,000
		Agreement on SPS	22,500
		Agreement on TBTs	22,500
		Agreement on TRIPS	135,000
		Activity Total	450,000
Competition Policy Development with the Economic Experts Program	To improve competition policy, USAID/Russia uses the Economic Experts Program to bring international policy experts to provide consultations to Russian policy makers on various issues such as competition policy. The funding reported on this activity report supported competition policy development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	187,500
Customs Code Reform with the Institute for Economy in Transition (IET)	To improve the Customs Code, this activity provides assistance to a leading market-oriented think tank in Russia, the Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET). Under this program, reputable international experts assist IET in conducting economic research and in disseminating results among key Russian policymakers and the Russian public. The funding in this activity report covered the issues of drafting a Customs Code. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	150,000

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Financial Sector Development Support by Strengthening Economic Think Tanks	To assist in financial sector development, the goal of this activity is to increase the capacity of Russian think tanks and analysts to produce quality research on economic policy issues including financial sector reform. Funding reported in this activity report supports financial sector reform. The activity also increases the scope and depth of topics analyzed by the Russian economic research community. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	150,000
Financial Sector Reform with the Economic Experts Program	To improve the financial sector, USAID/Russia uses the Economic Experts Program to bring international policy experts to provide consultations to Russian policy makers on various financial sector issues such as exchange rate policy, banking reform, as well as tax policy and trade issues. The funding reported on this activity report supported financial sector reform and related topics. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	62,500
Financial Sector Reform with the Institute for Economy in Transition (IET)	To improve the financial sector, this activity provides assistance to a leading market-oriented think tank in Russia, the Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET). Under this program, reputable international experts assist IET in conducting economic research and in disseminating results among key Russian policymakers and the Russian public. The funding in this activity report covered the issues of the financial sector reform. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	50,000
Financial Services Volunteer Corps (FSVC)	Through this activity, U.S financial experts provide consulting and training to Russian counterparts on a volunteer basis. The activity also provides expert review and commentary on draft legislation and regulations; specialized seminars for financial sector audiences; and consultations with selected commercial banks, the Central Bank of Russia and Regional administrations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,200,000
Forestry Resources & Technologies (FOREST) Project	The overarching goal of this program is to reduce the threat of global climate change through promoting sustainable forestry management and preserving Russian forests as a globally important carbon sink. The Project recognizes the value of forest resources and their contribution to the economy of the regions. The principal objectives to achieve this goal are the following: (1) Preserve and expand Russia's carbon sink through more effective fire and pest management; (2) Encourage more effective and innovative use of timber and non-timber forest resources in the RFE and Siberia; (3) Raise public awareness to reduce the number of forest fires caused by man. (4) Introduce renewable energy options as alternatives to fossil fuels; (5) Strengthen regional forest policy and legislation in the RFE and Siberia to promote sustainable forestry management. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Environmental Trade & Standards	304,000
		Tourism Sector Development	76,000
Source	Development Information Services.		

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Government Procurement Reform with the Institute for Economy in Transition (IET)	To improve government procurement, this activity provides assistance to a leading market-oriented think tank in Russia, the Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET). Under this program, reputable international experts assist IET in conducting economic research and in disseminating results among key Russian policymakers and the Russian public. The funding in this activity report covered the issues of the state procurement practices. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Agreement on Gov't Procurement	200,000
Integrated Business Services (IBS)	This activity is focused on further development of sustainable markets in business consulting services for SMEs. Business Support Institutions (BSIs) selected for support will be among those already reasonably established in different regional markets, and most capable of acquiring and delivering expanded consulting and other services to SME clients on a commercially sustainable basis. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	1,500,000
Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform	The program provides technical assistance to the federal, regional and local governments in intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR). In addition, the program is building local Russian capacity in intergovernmental fiscal relations by strengthening a Russian organization, the Center for Fiscal Policy, which specializes in this area. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	650,000

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Joint Coordinating Committee for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (JCCEM)	In September 1990, at the end of the Cold War, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Ministry of Atomic Energy for the Russian Federation (MINATOM) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in the areas of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management under the umbrella of the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (PUAE) Agreement of 1972 between the United States Russian governments. This memorandum forms the basis for cooperation between the United States and Russia in these areas. Its signing marked the beginning of a highly successful cooperative technology development program that is now in its twelfth year. In November 1990, DOE MINATOM established a Joint Coordinating Committee for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (JCCEM). Its principle purpose is to oversee and manage the activities conducted under the MOC. Collaborative projects, which involve several hundred National Laboratories, cover a wide spectrum of nuclear waste management and disposition. More than a dozen workshops and demonstrations on newly developed methods and technologies are conducted annually under JCCEM auspices both in Russia and the United States. JCCEM responsibilities include review of progress and plans for activities Conducted under the MOC, coordinating and approval of future cooperative activities with respect to technical merit and level of effort, providing improved access to technical information and commercial opportunities in Russia, selection for cost-saving technologies, and ensuring continued dialogue and cooperation between the participants. Through the JCCEM, elite technical experts from Russia and the United States conduct an aggressive program of applied research, development, demonstration, testing, and evaluation of innovative technologies for deployment in the environmental clean-up activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy	Environmental Trade & Standards	1,360,500

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Joint Coordinating Committee for Science and Technology (JCCST)	On March 4 1999, the U.S Department of Energy (DOE) and the Russian Academy of Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to promote cooperation in science and technology. This MOU is conducted under the auspices of the U.S/Russian Federation Science and Technology Agreement that has been in effect since December 16, 1993. The managing body for the MOU is the Joint Coordinating Committee for Science and Technology (JCCST). The JCCST meets annually to discuss projects of mutual interest and share experiences between Russian and American scientists. The 1st Joint Coordinating Committee for Science and Technology was held on May 15, 2000 in Moscow, Russia. Two Implementing Arrangements were signed at the JCCST meeting: Geologic Analogues, Migration and Accumulation of Radionuclides in Geologic Media, and Risk Assessment and Advanced Modeling Regarding Geologic Disposal. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy.	Environmental Trade & Standards	100,000
Loan Portfolio Guarantee Program (LPG)	This activity encourages Russian commercial banks to extend credit to small and medium size businesses by providing participating banks with a 50% guarantee on the potential loss of a portfolio of loans designated for the SME sector. In addition, participating banks receive specialized training in various aspects of small business lending and risk management. The co-implementing unit is the DCA office in G/EGAT. Funded by USAID/EGAT/DC and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	70,000
Morozov Project, Phase III	The Morozov Project is a Russian initiative launched in 1993 by the Academy of Management and Market (AMM). The goal of the Morozov Project is to support and promote entrepreneurship in Russia by providing a broad range of training and consulting services to entrepreneurs and managers of small and medium enterprises throughout the country. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	150,000
Nuclear Cities Initiative	The Nuclear Cities Initiative provides assistance to the Russian Government in downsizing its nuclear weapons complex through economic diversification and civilian, commercial jobs creation in the closed nuclear cities. Funded and implemented by Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI).	Business Services & Training	8,400,000

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OECD Corporate Governance Roundtables	This activity helps disseminate principles of corporate governance to the Russian business community, policy makers and officials by: (1) Providing expert review and recommendations based on experience in other transition economies and OECD countries; (2) Supplying Russian policy makers, international and business leaders and civil society representatives with an influential policy forum; and (3) Conducting a series of Roundtables. Through the Corporate Governance Roundtable process a White paper for Russia on corporate government principals and standards is being developed. Once finished, the paper will help policy makers, investors, companies and regulators to evaluate and improve corporate governance practices in Russia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	95,000
Partner Program	The partners will devise a system to strengthen linkages among private, government, and educational entities using a so-called Cluster phenomenon (a cluster is a group of geographically concentrated and interconnected companies, providers and suppliers, research institutes, universities and other organizations that work to supplement and strengthen each other's competitive advantages). The project will conduct an analysis of a pilot cluster in Perm region in order to identify opportunities and possible obstacles in its full-fledged development. This activity operates in the Volga Federal District. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Export Promotion	100,000
Strategic Technical Assistance to Russia through Training for Business Managers	Modern Managerial Practices in-country workshops for alumni of various USG-sponsored training and exchange programs held for more than 150 participants in March-June 2002. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	144,900
Strategic Technical Assistance to Russia through Training on Environmental Standards & Project Design	A two-week training course on Public Involvement in Large-Scale Development Projects with Significant Environmental Impact- in the U.S. for 16 participants held in June 2002. Introduction of ISO 14000 Standards as a Market Tool of Environmental Management in Russia in-country Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia. workshop for 35 participants held in April 2002.	Environmental Trade & Standards	85,050
Strategic Technical Assistance to Russia through Training on WTO Accession	Assisting Russia's Accession to the WTO two-week training course in the U.S. for 16 participants in October 2002. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	WTO Accession	85,050

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Trade Union Development Program	Through this activity: (1) Democratic trade unions respond more effectively to requests for assistance from enterprises or members; (2) Union activists use litigation to enforce adherence to the legal contractual obligations of enterprise management and the government; (3) Workers' knowledge and understanding of individual and collective rights increases as does their trust in trade union leadership; and, (4) A cadre of union activists has the capacity to educate union members. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	1,000,000
U.S.-RFE Partnerships Program – Eco-Tourism Development	To re-orient Russian Far East eco-tourism development so that environmental protection and local economic development opportunities become presumed outcomes of these activities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Environmental Trade & Standards	80,000
		Tourism Sector Development	80,000
		Activity Total	160,000
WTO Accession Support by Strengthening Economic Think Tanks	To assist in Russia's WTO accession, the goal of this activity is to increase the capacity of Russian think tanks and analysts to produce quality research on economic policy issues including on Russia's WTO accession. Funding reported in this activity report supported WTO accession. The activity also increases the scope and depth of topics analyzed by the Russian economic research community. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	WTO Awareness	50,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to RUSSIA			21,984,000